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SUBJECT: OVERALL REVIEW OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
COOPERATION

FOR DR. OKITA FROM US EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE MESSAGE BELOW TO
DR. OKITA OF THE JAPANESE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. IT IS AN
INFORMAL PRIVATE COMMUNICATION FROM THE US EXECUTIVE COM-
MITTEE TO ITS JAPANESE COUNTERPART. IT ADDRESSES THE
THREE MATTERS SET FORTH IN PARA 6 OF THE US DOCUMENT, IN
DR. OKITA'S POSSESSION, WHICH THE APRIL 11 JOINT MEETING OF
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES AGREED WOULD BE USED AS A
BASIS FOR DISCUSSION OF FUTURE STEPS. THE US EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE WOULD APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS OF THE JAPANESE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHICH COULD BE TRANSMITTED BY EMBASSY
TOKYO TO THE DEPARTMENT.

1. "REFERRING TO THE INFORMAL MEMORANDUM PREPARED BY THE US
SIDE FOR DISCUSSION AT THE JOINT MEETING OF THE JAPANESE
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AND US EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES ON 11 APRIL 1975, THE US SIDE

HAS REVIEWED THE IMPLICATIONS OF ITS PROPOSAL THAT STUDY BE GIVEN TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN OVERALL AGREEMENT BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE US UNDER WHICH ALL COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WOULD BE INCLUDED WITH APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A REVIEW AND COORDINATING MECHANISM. IN THE INTERESTS OF MINIMIZING COSTS AND POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE WITH THE PRESENTLY EXISTING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES, THE INITIAL REACTION OF THE US SIDE IS:

A. THAT A FORMAL OVERALL OR "UMBRELLA" AGREEMENT APPEARS TO BE UNNECESSARY AND PROBABLY NOT DESIRABLE.

B. THAT EACH SIDE CONSIDER RECOMMENDING TO ITS GOVERNMENT THE DESIRABILITY OF UTILIZING THE AD HOC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REVIEW MECHANISM AT THREE YEAR INTERVALS. THE US SIDE BELIEVES THAT THE THREE-MAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON EACH SIDE IS ADEQUATE IN NUMBERS AND HAS BEEN EFFECTIVE IN THE CURRENT "BLUE RIBBON PANEL" REVIEW WITH THE BALANCE OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE PANEL BEING COMPOSED OF GOVERNMENTAL PERSONS REPRESENTING AT AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL THE MAJOR AREAS OF COOPERATION ON BOTH SIDES, IN FUTURE, THE CHAIRMEN OF CERTAIN OF THE MORE ACTIVE AND IMPORTANT PROJECT TEAMS MIGHT BE INCLUDED.

C. PROVISION FOR JAPANESE OR US COORDINATION WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS OF PRESENT OR PROSPECTIVE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE A MATTER FOR EACH GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE.

2. REFERRING TO THE SECOND US PROPOSAL RELATING TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY IN COOPERATIVE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY UNDERTAKINGS, THE US SIDE IS ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN AN EFFORT TO EXPLORE WITH THEM INTEREST IN A JOINT MEETING WITH A COUNTERPART GROUP POSSIBLY BROUGHT TOGETHER IN JAPAN BY THE KEIDANREN.

3. FINALLY, REFERRING TO THE THIRD US PROPOSAL THAT EFFORTS BE MADE TO IDENTIFY ONE OR MORE JOINT R&D PROJECTS THAT

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COULD INVOLVE BOTH GOVERNMENTAL, UNIVERSITY AND INDUSTRIAL SCIENTISTS ON BOTH SIDES, MORE STUDY WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE THE US SIDE CAN INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT SUCH POSSIBILITIES EXIST." INGERSOLL

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